

Sinclair Broadcasting's demand that its stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation--and appear to be well outside the FEC guidelines for campaign-related program airing.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

The founding fathers granted broad powers to the free press but there is a quid pro quo attached: the press must make every effort to examine both sides of each issue.

Sinclair's actions show their license renewal process needs to close scrutiny in upcoming months as they have consistently shown a total disregard for truth and balance.

Thank you.